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TO: Chief Engineer Divisions/Districts/Consultant Relations Committee

SUBJECT: Software Transition from AASHTOWare Cost Estimation (CES) to AASHTOWare Project Estimation

The Department is transitioning its construction cost estimating software from AASHTOWare Cost Estimation (CES) to AASHTOWare Project Estimation effective August 1st, 2020. Beginning August 1st, 2020, the CES software will no longer be active and all new cost estimates and cost estimate updates are to be created in the AASHTOWare Project Estimation software. The Offices of Engineering Services and Construction Bidding Administration will transition to the AASHTOWare Project Estimation software beginning with the December 2020 letting; all corrected FFPR submissions to Engineering Services beginning with the December letting (let calendar date August 14th, 2020) should use this new software.

Project Estimation is a web-based estimation application and is now available for use in a training environment prior to the production environment release on August 1st. Designers are encouraged to get familiar with the new software in advance of this transition, especially for projects in the December 2020 letting. Access will be provided through a link on GDOT's web site and will use GDOT network log-in credentials. All existing users (external consultants and internal GDOT users) will be migrated from CES to Project Estimation and will get automatic access to the new system per the roles they had in the CES system. New users should request access the User Account Registration form on GDOT's website.

The basic functionality of Project Estimation is very similar to CES; designers will continue to use the software to enter pay items and quantities and the software will generate a bid-based unit cost and total cost for each item. Cost estimate reports will continue to be generated through GDOT's 411 query system with a new report for Project Estimation.

To assist with this transition, the Department has developed training videos and a quick reference guide for the new software, located on the R.O.A.D.S. web page under the Engineering Services category of Design Related Resources. Please review these materials prior to using the new software as specific estimate and category naming conventions are now required. This change is related only to the software used to create and update construction cost estimates; it does not change the Department's cost estimating process reflected in Policy 3A-9.

The training environment can be accessed through July 31st, 2020 via this link: https://aashtowareproject.qa.dot.ga.gov

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Solutions Center at SolutionsCenter@dot.ga.gov or 404-631-1220.

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